Chair Report – June 2013

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The purpose of this paper is to provide the Public Health Wales Board with a written update, which includes information on a number of strategic developments and issues. These include:

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1 **Local government Board member**

Three nominations were received for the position of local government non Executive Board member. Two of the nominees have been submitted to the Minister for Health and Social Services for his consideration. The third nominee withdrew their application before the submission was made to the Minister.

2 **Bevan Commission**

The Bevan Commission met with the Public Health Wales Board on 29 April 2013. At the meeting Dr Sally Venn, Primary Care Medical Advisor for Public Health Wales, made the case for strengthening the public health impact of primary care in Wales. Between the Bevan Commission and Public Health Wales, the following areas for action were identified: leadership; capacity building; and a shift back to generalism.

A full meeting of the Bevan Commission was held the following day, 30 April 2013. The Commission received a presentation from Dr Paul Myres, Chair of RCGP Wales presented the RCGP vision for the future; Dr Alan Willson about quality improvement in NHS Wales; and Alun Lloyd on the revised finance regime which was being developed by Welsh Government. The Commission also discussed the continuing development of the advice they are preparing for the Minister on primary care provision in Wales.

A further meeting of the Commission was held on 6 June 2013. The meeting focused on health data and information systems in Wales. The Commission wants to identify the different data collection streams in NHS Wales with a view to advising the Minister on how this may be improved to reduce the data burden on organisations, prevent unnecessary duplication, improve its use and ultimately health outcomes. The Commission heard from a range of people providing different perspectives in order for the Commission to gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of the work across Wales to inform their recommendations to the Minister. The Commission are preparing a paper to submit to the Minister.

A public meeting of the Bevan Commission is being arranged for early September 2013.

3 **Meeting with CMO**

The Chair met the CMO and discussed a number of strategic issues facing the public health system in Wales including the Public Health Bill, the Health Improvement Review, the Public Services Commission, the Bevan
Commission's work on primary and community care, health checks for over 50s.

4  Programme of visits to staff

The Chair and Chief Executive continue their programme of visits to staff around Wales. Recently they have met the Health and Healthcare Improvement team and the HR and Professional and Organisational Development teams. The discussions held with colleagues were highly informative of the sterling work undertaken and provided an opportunity for constructive dialogue about the progress made in Public Health Wales during its first three years and future plans.

5  Ministerial meeting with Chairs of Health Boards and NHS Trust

The Chair continues to attend monthly meetings with the Minister for Health and Social Services and Chairs of NHS bodies in Wales. At the meeting in May the Minister congratulated Public Health Wales both on the national role and working locally with Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Health Board on its handling of the measles outbreak. Particular mention was made of the spokespersons on recent television and radio programmes and the general handling of communications.

As part of this programme of meetings, the Chairs received a presentation from Nigel Edwards, Senior Fellow, Leadership Development and Health Policy at The King’s Fund. The session covered a range of topics, particular those relating to the Francis Inquiry Report and the role of strategic leadership.

6  Specialist Advisor for Professional Services to Vice Chancellor, Cardiff University

The Chair has been appointed as Specialist Advisor for Professional Services to the Vice Chancellor at Cardiff University. The appointment includes responsibility for:

- international and engagement
- global health agenda developing key strategic partners in research and education
- general engagement with Welsh Government
- Health related initiatives and programmes in Wales, UK and globally
- represent the University on key government committees
- represent interests of the University in public forums in relation to international sphere, and engagement on health related matters.
7  Wales Public Services 2025: What works Wales?

The Chair attended a joint seminar between the Alliance for Useful Evidence and Wales Public Services 2025 entitled ‘What Works Wales’. The event focused on whether Wales could be a leader in Europe as an experimental lab championing evidence-based policy and public sector innovations. Using its size and close connections between policy makers, practitioners and academic institutions, Wales could set a new standard for how public services experiment and apply ‘what works’.

8  Conferences

The Chair has attended and spoken at the following conferences.

8.1  International Committee for Insurance Medicine (ICLAM)

The Chair attended the 24th Congress of ICLAM conference in Madrid. Every three years ICLAM organises a Life, Disability and Health Assurance Medicine meeting with worldwide acknowledgment and participation. The Chair delivered a presentation on ‘dependency on social security benefits: more effective assessment and evaluation’ as part of the session on ‘long term care and dependency’.

8.2  General Practice Conference and Medical Exhibition (GP CME)

The Chair has been invited to speak at the General Practice Conference and Medical Exhibition in New Zealand at the end of June. The conference is being run in conjunction with the New Zealand Medical Association (NZMA). The Chair will present a keynote speech on ‘health beyond health: another GP advantage. He will also speak with Dr David Bratt on ‘shifting your primary focus to health and capacity – a new paradigm’.